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## Merit Award Scholarship Promise Kept

LANSING -- To keep the promise of the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship for eligible college freshmen, the Senate yesterday passed legislation co-sponsored by Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell, to extend the deadline until November 15 this year to certify MEAP results.

“Keeping the scholarship funded is not enough. We need to make sure those who deserve it receive it,” Garcia said. “The award represents a promise Michigan made to all high school students who performed well on the MEAP test. Extending the deadline to certify results for an additional month will ensure that the promise is kept and that all students who earned the scholarship are rewarded.”

Senate Bill 701 extends the date by which a college freshman must certify his or her Merit Award score from September 15 to November 15 for this year only.

Delays in the release of the MEAP test this summer have left many college freshmen awaiting notification of whether they qualify for the Merit Award Scholarships.

SB 701 was passed under General Orders yesterday.

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